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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JULY 27

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SOVIET PRESS JULY 27:

--U.S. COVERAGE FILLS OUT AGAIN, IS VERY TOUGH ON THIRD-WORLD ISSUES, MIXED BUT MILD ON THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN;

--ON ECPC FOLLOWUP, PRAVDA JULY 27 CORRESPONDENT'S INTERVIEW WITH DKP CHAIRMAN MIES DISCUSSES INTRA-COMMUNIST DIFFERENCES (INCLUDING PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM) IN FORTHRIGHT DETAIL, THOUGH IT CONCLUDES GREATER UNITY RESULTED AND WESTERN EFFORTS TO SPLIT EE AND WE COMMUNISTS UNSUCCESSFUL;

--ON WEST BERLIN, NEW IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENT LEONID KALMYKOV WRITES JULY 26 THAT QA HAS BROUGHT NORMALIZATION AND TOGETHER WITH OTHER EAST-WEST ACCORDS CONSTITUTES ELEMENT IN "COMPLEX OF INTERNATIONAL-LEGAL SETTLEMENTS" WHICH ENDED POSTWAR ERA, CITES BREZHNEV ON SOVIET INTENTION TO CONTINUE DEPSITE FRG AND WB "MEASURES WHICH HAVE NO BUSINESSLIKE BASIS AND SERVE ONLY AS POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS;"

--PRAVDA LEAD EDITORIAL ON MIDDLE EAST REGISTERS SOVIET CONCERN, TRIES TO PUT MORE REASONABLE FACE ON POLICY IMMOBILITY, TALKS OF "DEMANDS" RATHER THAN USUAL PALESTINIAN RIGHTS, AND OMITTS "FROM THE VERY BEGINNING" WHEN IT CALLS FOR RECONVENING GENEVA WITH ALL DIRECTLY INTERESTED PARTIES;

JULY 27 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA REPORTS ON GOVERNOR CARTER'S INTERVIEW NOTES HE FAVORS INCLUSION OF PALESTINIAN TERRITORY
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IN JORDANIAN STATE;

--KUDRYAVTSE IN JULY 26 IZVESTIYA POINTS TO DANGER OF "LIQUIDATION" OF PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT WHICH SERVES AS CEMENT OF ANTI-IMPERIALIST STRUGGLE IN AREA;

MAJOR THEME OF KUDRYAVTSEV PIECE IS U.S.
"PLITTIEST TACTICS" IN THIRD-WORLD, ESPECIALLY AFRICA AND M.E.

BUT ALSO LATIN AMERICA AND ASIA (WHERE ASEAN COUNTRIES ARE PITTED AGAINST INDOCHINESE); IMPLICATION IS THAT THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES ARE IN FACT DIVIDING AGAINST EACH OTHER AND AGAINST THEIR TRUE FRIENDS THE USSR AND OTHER "SOCIALIST COUNTRIES";

--UNUSUALLY TOUGH ARTICLE ON "SOLIDARITY WITH PANAMA" BY V. ANDRIANOV IN JULY 26 IZVESTIYA SAYS "ILLEGAL OCCUPATION" HAS LASTED 73 YEARS, THAT PANAMA-U.S. RELATIONS "SHARPLY WORSENERED" AFTER 1964, THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE HAD "NO RESULTS", AND THAT PANAMA IS GETTING MORE PROGRESSIVE;

--JULY 27 PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON JAPANESE-PRC SPLEEN BY TOKYO CORRESPONDENT IGOR' LATYSHEV IS ANOTHER JOYFUL WHOOP;

--KZ COMMENTATOR YU. GAVRILOV REGISTERS OBLIQUE ACCEPTANCE JULY 27 OF "DECISIVE" DPRK REJECTION OF FOUR-POWER TALKS BY CITING NORTH KOREAN UN REP IN CONTEXT OF CONTINUING "PRINCIPLED" SOVIET SUPPORT ANCHORED IN 1961 TREATY FOR DPRK LINE ON REDUCING TENSION AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION.

2. BEYOND TOUGH TALK ON SPLITTIST TACTICS IN THIRD WORLD AND PANAMA, AND SQUIBS ON MILITARY SUPPORT FOR CHILE AND DEATH OF CPUSA POLCOM MEMBER HYMAN LOOMER (PRAVDA JULY 27), PRESS RETURNS TO MAJOR CONVERGENCE OF U.S. WITH JOINT REPORT BY CORRESPONDENTS VASIL'YEV, KUDRYUMOV AND RUSAKOV ON POLITICAL SITUATION AFTER DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION (JULY 27 PRAVDA) AND GOVERNOR CARTER'S LAST INTERVIEW (JULY 27 KRASNAYA ZVEZDA ONLY, THOUGH REPORT ALSO CARRIED ON JULY 26 TV NEWS VREMYA WITH TWO MINUTES OF FOOTAGE AND ON JULY 27 MORNING RADIO MAYSK).AFTER NOTING FOREIGN POLICY HAS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PLAYED MAJOR ROLE IN CAMPAIGN AND THEN SLAPPING GOVERNOR REAGAN, PRAVDA GOES ON TO CONTRAST PRESIDENT FORD'S OVERALL SUPPORT FOR DETENTE WITH ADMINISTRATION'S "NEGATIVE CORRECTIVES IN TERMINOLOGY" INCLUDING DROPPING WORD "DETENTE" RAISING MILITARY BUDGET AND "FREEZING CONTACTS WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES." GOVERNOR CARTER, REPORT GOES ON, "IN GENERAL" IS FOR CONTINUATION OF DETENTE, AND IS FOR TAKING INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO LIMIT ARMS RACE. HOWEVER, IN HIS STATEMENTS AND IN PLATFORM THERE ARE CALLS FOR STRENGTHENING NATO AND "UNPROVABLE ASSERTIONS ABOUT SOME 'SERIOUS THREAT' TO PEACE' FROM THE SOVIET UNION", "USUAL FOR THE TWO-PARTY POLEMICS OF THAT COUNTRY". BUT U.S. PRESS CONSIDERS THAT "IN BASIC DIRECTIONS THE DEMOCRAT LEADER'S INTENTIONS CONVERGE WITH THE FOREIGN POLICY COURSE OF THE CURRENT REPUBLICAN ADMINISTRATION." KZ COVERAGE OF CARTER INTERVIEW PICKS OUT REDUCTION OF MILITARY

BUDGET, TOO MANY BASES AND SOLDIERS ABROAD, INCOMPATIBILITY
OF MANY NEW WEAPONS WITH LONG-TERM FOREIGN POLICY NEEDS,
ANTI-B-1 AND PRO-TRIDENT, POSSIBILITY OF FIRST STRIKE IF
U.S. SECURITY OR EXISTENCE THREATENED, AND, ON MIDDLE EAST,
OBLIGATIONS TO ISRAEL, "LEGITIMATE INTERESTS" OF PALESTINIANS,
AND INCLUSION OF TERRITORY FOR PALESTINIANS' USE IN JORDANIAN
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